

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 15-1035V

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ANGELINE OLDFIELD,

Petitioner,

SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Trivalent Influenza (“Flu”) Vaccine;
Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine
Administration (“SIRVA”);
Special Processing Unit (“SPU”)

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RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On September 17, 2015, Angeline Oldfield (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² [the “Vaccine Act” or “Program”]. Petitioner alleges that she suffered “debilitating pain and restricted range of motion in her left shoulder and arm, which was ‘caused-in-fact’” by the trivalent influenza (“flu”) vaccine she received on October 7, 2013. Petition at 1. In the alternative, petitioner alleges that the flu vaccine she received significantly aggravated an underlying condition “resulting in her development of pain and decreased range of motion in her left arm.” *Id.* The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On December 7, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent “concluded that petitioner suffered a non-

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

Table injury of SIRVA and that the preponderance of the medical evidence indicates that the injury was causally related to the flu vaccination she received on October 7, 2013.” *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that “petitioner met the statutory requirements by suffering the condition for more than six months . . . [and] has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act.” *Id.*

In view of respondent’s concession and the evidence before me, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation. Additionally, the December 7, 2015 deadline for respondent’s status report is deemed moot and terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master